

POLICE CHIEF SLAIN, DEPUTY WOUNDED

North Carolina Law Officers Shot in Attempting Arrests.

TWO ASSAILANTS HURT

One Man in Gun Battle Has His Nose Blown Off.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., April 15.—News reached here this morning of a fatal pistol encounter near Madison, N. C., last night, when Chief of Police E. C. Zeigler, of Mayodan, was shot and killed, and Officer W. T. Steele, of Madison, wounded in a gun fight with Edward Smith and the latter's two sons, Hardy and Sandy Smith.

Steele was shot in the head. The older Smith's nose was blown off, and Sandy Smith received a bullet in the neck, this not preventing his escape in an automobile with his brother. Both are at large.

The officers went to Smith's home to arrest the sons for assault and carrying concealed weapons. The father is said to have come to the door and shot Zeigler behind the ear with a shotgun, killing him instantly. Steele emptied his revolver at the man, and the sons, from windows, began firing back.

VOTES TO PREVENT RADICAL CUT IN U. S. SEA FORCE

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tellers, and in a moment members were jammed at the head of the center aisle waiting for a chance to speak and be counted.

Every seat filled, the galleries joined in the tumult. Guards who had kept the crowds in order during the day, let them shout as they pleased.

Courtesy to Ill Member.

Just before the vote was announced the House halted a moment to permit Representative Mansfield, Democrat, Texas, who has been ill, to be counted without going through the ordeal of going down the aisle in the wheel chair, in which he has been attending House sessions.

Representative Kelley, as chairman of the subcommittee, which framed the bill with its provision for a navy with an enlisted strength of 67,000 men—less than a navy under the conference treaty—had the last word in the long debate. Half of the House stood as he started to speak. As the gavel tapped the warning that his time was up, the chairman, swinging away from the point he was seeking to drive home, namely, that the demand for the increase came from navy-yard sections, exclaimed: "I can say this. We must not permit any group of individuals or any combination of localities to throw themselves across the path of the world in the goal of world progress and peace as set by the armament conference."

Breaking into the debate towards the close, Chairman Madden, of the Appropriations Committee, said he wanted to warn Republicans that if the right verdict did not come today on the vote, it would come in November, when they would be forced to explain why they had failed to bring about economy, one of the objects hoped to be obtained by the armament conference. Mr. Madden inserted the amendment as adopted, would add \$60,000,000 in one lump sum to the total of \$223,000,000 carried in the bill.

Representative Padgett, of Tennessee, the former Democratic chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, which formerly prepared the naval bills, made one of the principal arguments for the increase, asserting the efficiency of the navy could not be maintained without it. The movement for the increase on the Republican side was in the hands of Mr. McArthur, Mr. Vane and Representative Rogers of Massachusetts.

After adopting the Vane amendment the House, without discussion, adopted one offered by Representative McArthur, increasing from \$92,000,000 to \$107,000,000 the amount carried for pay of officers and enlisted men the next fiscal year.

CLAIMS OF UNION HEADS CONCEDED

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commercial coal, but production of coal for the mills, usually obtained from the mill company mines, showed a marked falling off.

Although many thousands of men are idle in the district, there has been little disorder. A mine guard was shot in Westmoreland County early today and seriously wounded, and three women were before an Alderman at Unknoton, charged with disorderly conduct at a mine near that place yesterday. Interest centered on a mass-meeting of miners to be held in Connellsville tomorrow, and union leaders predicted it would mark an important development in the strike, while operators said the high tide of the union advance had been reached and the men still at work would stick.

NEW BLIMP SOON IS DUE AT LANGLEY FIELD

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 12.—The Army blimp now being tested near Dayton, Ohio, is expected at Langley Field within ten days or two weeks, according to official reports. Officers of the flying station today declared that they have no definite advice as to when the craft will reach here, however. The blimp will replace the Roma, which was destroyed several weeks ago, with a loss of thirty-four lives. It is nothing like as large as the Roma, but is expected to be the largest yet built by the United States government.

C. L. SMITH ACCEPTS POSITION WITH ASS'N

Becomes District Supervisor of Graders for Growers' Organization.

RICHMOND, N. C., April 15.—Charles L. Smith, district manager of the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, has accepted the position of district supervisor of graders in the leaf department of the Tobacco Growers' Co-Operative Association.

Commenting on Mr. Smith's appointment, R. R. Patterson, manager of the leaf department, said: "We consider him one of the best leaf tobacco men in the business and his reputation among tobacco men in the Eastern Carolina section is unsurpassed."

Mr. Smith entered the tobacco business in 1898 as a member of the organization of the Danville leaf department of the American Tobacco Company, Danville, Va. He severed his connection with the American Tobacco Company in 1907 to become buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Company, Ltd., on the 12th of Orange, N. C., market, later accepting the position as district manager of the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company's market in the Eastern Carolina section.

Another veteran of the tobacco trade who leaves the Imperial Company for the Tobacco Growers' Co-Operative Association is W. I. Skinner, of Greenville, N. C., according to today's announcement by General Manager Patterson, at Richmond.

For sixteen years Mr. Skinner has been branch manager of the Imperial at Greenville, N. C., and is described by General Manager R. R. Patterson as an expert in the tobacco business.

VETERAN'S PIPE SETS LOAD OF HAY ON FIRE; CAUSES 2 RUNAWAYS

Driver's Hands Burned; Aged Companion Falls Under Mules' Heels.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 15.—A flying ember from a lighted tobacco pipe in the mouth of an aged farmer had a disastrous result when it ignited a wagon of hay and feed, caused two teams to run away and came near proving fatal to the occupants of a wagon.

Fred Timberlake, a farmer of Culpeper County, was en route home from Fredericksburg yesterday with a four-mule team hauling a wagon-load of hay and feed. He was accompanied by Alast Smith, also of Culpeper, a Confederate veteran.

A gust of wind carried a spark from the veteran's pipe to the feed while within the mules of this city, and in a few moments the wind had fanned the contents of the wagon into a large blaze. The four mules, becoming frightened from the intense heat in their rear, dashed down the road and were soon out of control.

Practically the entire load was destroyed, and Mr. Timberlake had his hands badly burned while throwing it from the wagon. Mr. Smith, surrounded by the flames, fell beneath the mules' hoofs, attempting to escape, but luckily emerged with minor bruises.

John Gardner, of Spotsylvania, who was plowing his field near the road, witnessed the predicament of the occupants of the wagon, and started to their assistance. His team became frightened by the blazing wagon and running mules and followed suit. These horses soon became entangled in their harness and were thrown to the ground. All parties, the men and the animals, escaped without being seriously injured.

PLANT OAK TREE AT CLARA BARTON'S HOME

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Friends and admirers of Clara Barton will observe the tenth anniversary of her death tomorrow by planting a centennial oak at the house where she died at Glen Echo, Maryland, just outside the capital.

General Nelson A. Miles will be at the head of the ceremonies, and Mrs. John A. Logan, widow of the famous Civil War volunteer general, will turn the first earth.

The program also will include the planting of a bed of Clara Barton roses, originated by the late Dr. Van Vleet, of the Department of Agriculture, known throughout the world as the originator of many varieties of flowers.

Miss Helen Fitz Randolph, a life-long friend, and Dr. J. B. Hubbard, physician to the celebrated Civil War nurse, will be in charge of the ceremonies, which will be conducted under the auspices of the American Forestry Association.

Chilean Woman Delegate Due Today. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 15.—Senator Manning, official representative of the Chilean government to the Pan-American Conference for Women, which will be held in Baltimore, is due here tomorrow on the steamer Renard. She will be met here by a delegation of the National League of Women Voters and a committee from Baltimore. Senator Manning is a graduate of Columbia University, and lectured in the Argentine cities of the United States after her graduation.

RUSSIA DEMANDS 50 BILLION RUBLES FROM THE ALLIES

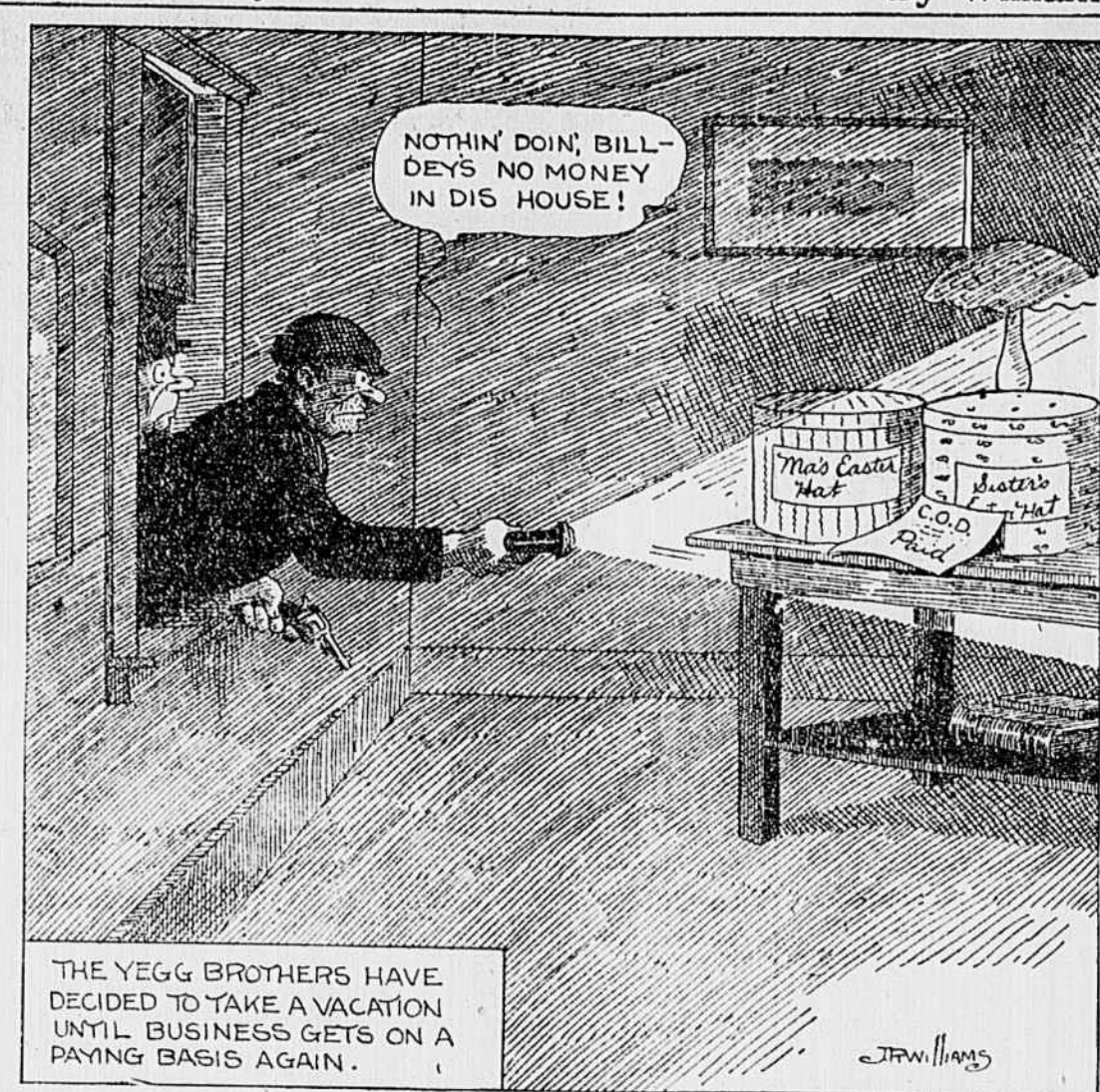
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tees would mean a new grouping of the powers. The military holiday idea is not practical.

In response to questions the spokesman for the British said that Lloyd George's plan resembled President Harding's ideal for an association of nations which it was hoped would bring disarmament or a big reduction of armaments in its wake.

Discussion on Three Points. The discussion between the allied leaders and the Russian delegates today centered on three points: First, debts; second, war debts; and third, restitution of private property.

Out Our Way



people, who believed they had made a new world out of chaos and after a terrible convulsion. If the powers asked them to pay their old debts, it would blight the hopes of the Russian people.

The allied leaders explained that the pre-war debts were not due primarily to governments, but to individuals, chiefly French. They insisted that no government had the right to wipe out the claims of foreign individuals. The opinion was expressed tonight that no difficulty would be encountered in settling the pre-war debts, generally speaking, the French seemed less optimistic than the British in telling of the progress of the allied meetings with the Russians. The French were of the opinion that the Bolsheviks were disposed to give battle at every point raised and postponed definite answers.

Desire to Be Reasonable.

In discussing the second point, war debts, the allies said this was something where the governments were in a position to negotiate. They did not want to be unreasonable, because they realized the appalling state of Russia and did not desire to press Russia unduly. But the signature of the Russian government must be respected.

The Russians rejoined by citing damages caused by foreign military expeditions into Russia.

On the third point, restitution of private property, the allied leaders admitted that this would be accompanied by great difficulties, nevertheless they must insist on the principle.

The Russians emphasized the difficulty growing out of the fact that everything in Russia is nationalized. They asked how it was possible to restore a mine now under water.

EARLIER CONFERENCE REPORTS MORE CHEERING

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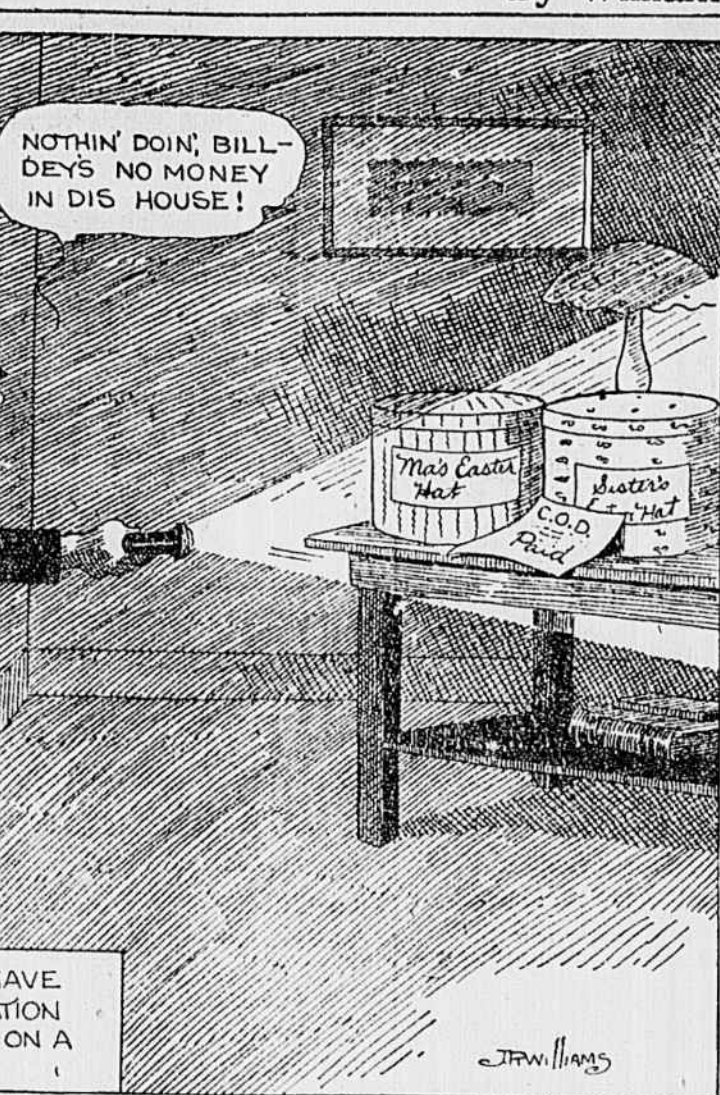
GENOA, April 15.—A distinct advance toward settlement of the Russian question was registered by the economic conference today, conference leaders declared.

Prime Minister Lloyd George, of Great Britain, expressed this view in one of his characteristic figurative utterances saying: "We are building a bridge across the stream," he said, "We have driven some of the piles, we are now in the deepest part of the current, and are driving them into the mud at the bottom. The bridge is not yet above water, the piles are not firmly fixed, but we are still hammering at them."

Present Financial Proposal.

The Russians, it became known today, have presented a concrete financial proposal, which they say is in perfect accord with the allies, over the urgent necessity of establishment of a monetary basis in all

By Williams



posals must be accepted were emphatically denied today by the chiefs of the allied delegations.

Informal discussions will continue with the Russians until Tuesday and perhaps longer before a full session of the Russian subcommittee can be held to hear Russia's formal counter proposals.

TROTSKY DECLARES RUSSIA SINCERELY SEEKS PEACE

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MOSCOW, April 15.—Leonid Trotsky, the Soviet War Minister, in an order to the army and navy issued last night, quoting Foreign Minister Tchitcherine's disarmament proposals are bad. They give as an example the American Federal Reserve banks, which, they say, might put part of their gold reserve at the disposal of central banks of countries needing it, doing this by lending gold or by opening special credits.

Propose World Money Conference.

The Russians also propose an international monetary convention whose object would be to fix a stable ratio between the currencies of the various states. They conclude their proposals by emphasizing Russia's urgent need of being granted a loan in order to stabilize its currency.

Mr. Lloyd George, in discussing the situation with the Associated Press correspondent, said issues which had been expected to be the chief stumbling block in effecting an agreement with the Russians, had been scarcely touched at all, and that apparently this would be greatly overshadowed by financial problems.

Rumors that were circulated yesterday to the effect that the inviting powers had issued an ultimatum to the Russian delegates specifying a definite time when the allied proposals must be accepted were emphatically denied today by the chiefs of the allied delegations.

The Tchitcherine-Barthou incident at Genoa is hailed by the Izvestia and the Pravda as a victory for Russia, even though the Soviet proposal was blocked. The Pravda considers it an answer to the American objections to assisting Europe on the ground that European money was being wasted on armies, and that it simultaneously reveals the real position of France. The Izvestia, in its comment, declares: "If America has really credited the legend regarding

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were strengthening their positions, and where he is booked to make an address tomorrow. "I am going to Sligo," was Mr. Griffith's only comment today.

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Soviet militarism this superstitious must fail to pieces now, and together with it will disappear also the obstacle to the re-establishment of peace economic relations between the two great republics."

The newspapers, which have just received the details of the first proceedings of the Genoa conference, echoed today the criticisms of official circles over the delays in transmitting the reports, charging that the bourgeois telegraph agencies "were conspiring to smother the Tchitcherine proposals."

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